

## REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in the application, claims 17-20 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 21-27 have been added. Applicant submits that the new claims are supported by the originally filed specification and that no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 4, and 12 have been amended.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the above-identified Office Action and the references of record. The Applicants contend that, by the present Amendment, all bases of objection and rejection have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

## THE REJECTIONS

In the Office Action claim 1 is objected to because of informalities.

In the Office Action Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

In the Office Action Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated Raz, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,435,479 B1).

## ARGUMENT

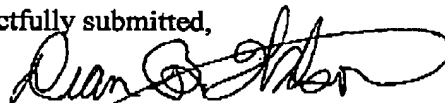
The claims have been amended for ease of understanding and to overcome the objection to informalities. Applicants submit that Raz does not disclose, teach or suggest the presently claimed invention, for example, Raz fails to teach a "a wheel retainer member adjacent to the other end of the flexible member, the retainer member having a housing and at least one extending portion" as required in claim 1 or . Raz only discloses a fixed wheel retainer or one without an extending portion, see for example Figs. 9, 18, 19, 20, 21, item 89, Fig. 22, item 170, and Figs. 25 and 26.

Therefore, the Applicants request that the present claims be reconsidered and found allowable over the references of record.

## CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that all bases for rejection have been overcome by the present amendment and above arguments, and respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and found in condition of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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